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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000.

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

**Application Number:** 10/661,006  
**Filing Date:** September 11, 2003  
**First Named Inventor:** Tobin et al.  
**Group Art Unit:** 3751  
**Examiner Name:** R. M. Fetsuga  
**Attorney Docket Number:** 884.0080USU  
**CUSTOMER NO.:** 27,623

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. **Previously submitted**

- i. **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).**
- ii. **Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed filed on \_\_\_\_\_**
- iii. **Other \_\_\_\_\_**

b. **XXXXX Enclosed**

- i. **XXXXX Amendment/Reply with transmittal**
- ii. **Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)**
- iii. **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449**
- iv. **XXXXX Other Request for Extension of Time (3 months)**

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. **Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)**
- b. **Other \_\_\_\_\_**

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

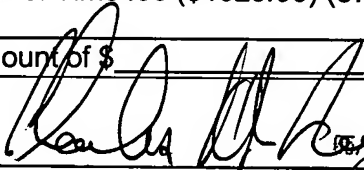
- a. **XXXXX** The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee of **\$1,810** (\$790 RCE fee, \$1020 extension fee or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **50-1239** in the name of **Conair Corporation**. In the event of a deficiency in fees, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0467 in the name of Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle, L.L.P.

- i. **XXXXX RCE fee (\$790.00) required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)**
- ii. **XXXXX Extension of Time fee (\$1020.00) (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)**
- iii. **Other \_\_\_\_\_**

- b. **Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed**

May 4, 2006

Date of Signature

  
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